

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) In a media exchange network comprising a media exchange server, a network, a first private home and a second private home, the media exchange server being external to the first private home and to the second private home, a [[A]] system for adapting media content, comprising:

a first communications device disposed in the first private home ~~a first location~~, the first communications device being operatively coupled to [[a]] the network; and

a second communications device disposed in the second private home ~~a second location~~, the second communications device being operatively coupled to the network, the second communications device receiving a device profile relating to the first communications device, adapting media content based upon the device profile of the first communications device, and sending the adapted media content with a file associated with the media content to the first communications device,

wherein the adapted media content is set to a first quality level that is lower than a second quality level that is supported by the first communications device, and

wherein the file comprises information as to where the media content of a highest quality level resides outside of the first private home and the second private home.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1,
wherein the first communications device is coupled to the network via a first satellite headend, and

wherein the second communications device is coupled to the network via a second DSL headend.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first communications device and the second communications device comprises a software platform that can provide at least one of a user-interface functionality, a distributed storage functionality and a networking functionality.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first communications device and the second communications device comprises a software platform that can provide at least one of device registration, channel setup, program setup, management and security.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first communications device and the second communications device is adapted to provide at least one of a distributed networking capability, an archival functionality, a temporary storage capability, a storage manager and a digital rights manager.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the device profile comprises information related to digital media parameters.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein the information related to the digital media parameters comprises information related to at least one of resolution content, display size, color content and grey-scale content.

8. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the device profile comprises information related to media content capabilities of the first communications device.

9. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first communications device and the second communications device comprises a television screen that facilitates viewing and interacting with at least one of a user interface, media, data and services available on the network.

10. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first communications device requests the media content from the second communications device via the network.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the device profile can be updated at the first communications device.

12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the device profile comprises one or more digital parameters set to a quality level lower than a maximum quality level supported by the first communications ~~network~~ device.

13. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1,
wherein the second communications device creates private media channels relating to particular content residing in the second communications device, and
wherein the second communications device pushes the private media channels from the second private home to authorized devices in the media exchange network
~~wherein the second communications device sends the adapted media content with a file to the first communications device,~~
~~wherein the file is associated with the media content, and~~
~~wherein the file comprises information relating to a location of a higher quality version of the media content stored in the network.~~

14. (Original) The system according to claim 13, wherein the file comprises a meta file associated with the media content.

15. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1 ~~43~~, wherein the first communications device can access the media content of the highest quality level ~~the higher quality version of the media content~~ by using the file.

16. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the second communications device adapts one or more digital parameters of the media content based upon the device profile of the first communications device.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for adapting media content, comprising:
a ~~communications device~~ set-top box disposed in a private home, the set-top box being
operatively coupled to a network, the ~~communications device~~ set-top box storing a revisable device profile of the set-top box ~~communications device~~, sending the revisable device profile to the network, and receiving a file associated with the media content and the media content that has been adapted based upon the sent device profile,

wherein the adapted media content is set to a first quality level that is lower than a second quality level that is supported by the set-top box,

wherein the file comprises information as to a location where the media content of a highest quality level resides, and

wherein the location is different from a source of the adapted media content.

18. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17, ~~further~~ comprising:
a media server operatively coupled to the network,
wherein the media server adapts the media content based on the revisable device profile.

19. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17 48, wherein the set-top box access the media content of the highest quality level by processing the file the media server receives the media content from the network.

20. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17 48, wherein the set-top box is replaced with a communications device that stores a revisable device profile of the communications device, and wherein the communications device automatically sends the revisable device profile of the communications device to the network, and wherein the communications device receives a file associated with the media content and the media content that has been adapted based upon the sent device profile of the communications device the media content is stored in the media server.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for adapting media content, comprising:
a communications device disposed in a private home, the communications device being operatively coupled to a network, the communications device receiving, from the network, a revisable device profile of a display that is external to the private home from the network, adapting media content based upon the received device profile, and sending a file associated with the media content and the adapted media content to the network,

wherein the adapted media content is set to a first quality level that is lower than a second quality level that is supported by the display,

wherein the file comprises information as to a location where the media content of a highest quality level resides, and

wherein the location is different from a source of the adapted media content.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for adapting media content, comprising:

receiving, by a first communications device of a first home, a device profile relating to a second communications device of a second home, the first communications device and the second communications device being operatively coupled to a network;

adapting, by the first communications device, media content based upon the device profile, wherein the adapted media content is set to a first quality level that is lower than a second quality level that is supported by the second communications device, wherein the file comprises information as to a location where the media content of a highest quality level resides, and wherein the location is different from a source of the adapted media content; and

sending a file associated with the media content and the adapted media content to the first communications device.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein adapting the media content comprises adapting one or more digital parameters characterizing the media content.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the media content of the highest quality level resides in the network, but external to the first home and the second home ~~sending the adapted media content to the first communications device comprises sending the adapted media content and a file associated with the media content to the first communications device.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein the first communications device creates private media channels accessible only by the second communications device, the private media channels relating to particular content residing in the second communications device ~~the file comprises information related to a location of a higher quality version of the media content.~~

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~22~~ 24, ~~further~~ comprising:
accessing, by the second communications device, ~~a higher quality version of the media content of the highest quality level~~ by processing the file.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for adapting media content, comprising:
storing, in a communications device in a private home, a revisable device profile of the communications device, the communications device being operatively coupled to a network;
sending the revisable device profile to the network; and
receiving, from the network, a file associated with the media content and the media content from the network that has been adapted based upon the sent device profile, wherein the adapted media content is set to a first quality level that is lower than a second quality level that is supported by the communications device, wherein the file comprises information as to a location where the media content of a highest quality level resides, and wherein the location is different from a source of the adapted media content.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 27, ~~further~~ comprising:
adapting, by a media server in a second private home, the media content based on the revisable device profile, the media server being operatively coupled to the network.

29. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim ~~27~~ 28, ~~further~~ comprising:
replacing the communications device with a second communications device;
storing, in the second communications device, a revisable device profile of the second communications device, the second communications device being operatively coupled to the network;
automatically sending the revisable device profile of the second communications device to the network; and

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receiving, from the network, a file associated with the media content and the media content that has been adapted based upon the sent revisable device profile of the second communications device

~~receiving, by the media server, the media content from the network.~~